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Senior Brand Designer

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Kia ora, my name is Dean. I am an experienced graphic designer and team leader specialising in advertising and brand identity systems for both established and emerging companies in print and digital media.

With over 20 years of experience in marketing and design across higher education, translation services and advertising agencies, I am committed to delivering high-quality design and brand solutions that achieve results while consistently meeting deadlines.

What follows is a small sample of work I have produced over the years, showcasing branding, system development and campaign advertising.

Publications — Introduction to...

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The Introduction to 'faculties' publications outlined the offerings and opportunities available within each academic department. These publications serve as guides for prospective and current students, detailing overview of each faculty, programs and degrees, course listings, research opportunities, career prospects and student support services.

Publications — Study Abroad

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The Study Abroad publication from the University of Canterbury highlights the unique opportunities available for international students in Christchurch, New Zealand. It emphasises a range of key aspects that contribute to a challenging yet rewarding experience, including diverse academic programs, cultural immersion, supportive environment, research opportunities, outdoor adventures, community engagement and networking and professional development.

Choose Science Campaign

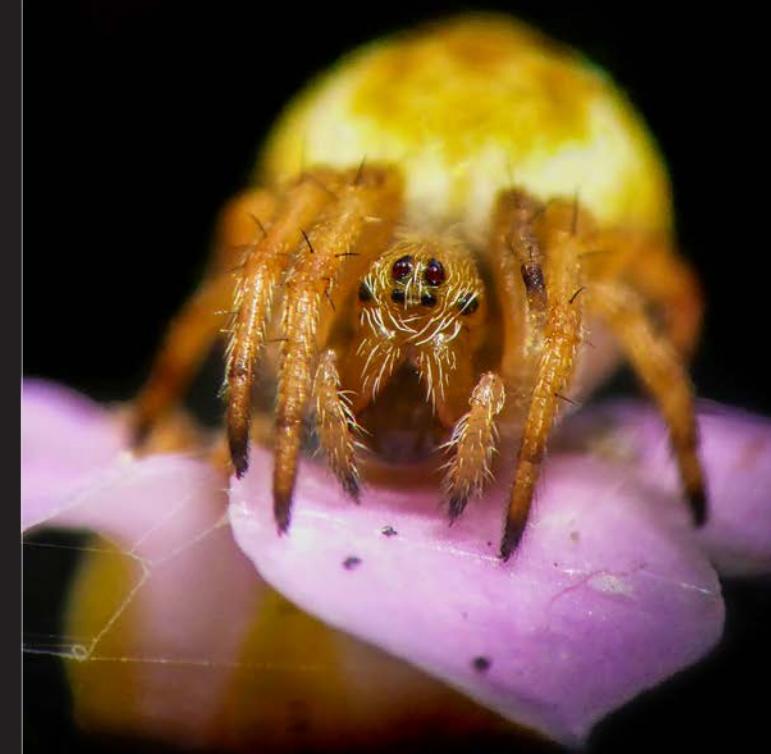
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Print, digital signage, billboards and social media

The Choose Science Change the World campaign was designed to showcase award-winning student photography, highlighting the creativity and talent of aspiring scientists. The campaign's visual identity features a distinctive red arrow, symbolising direction and the possibilities that science offers.

**UNCOVER
THE SMALL
THINGS**



UC
UNIVERSITY OF
CANTERBURY
150 years
1873-2023

Choose
Science.
Change
the world.

Brand Merchandise Guide

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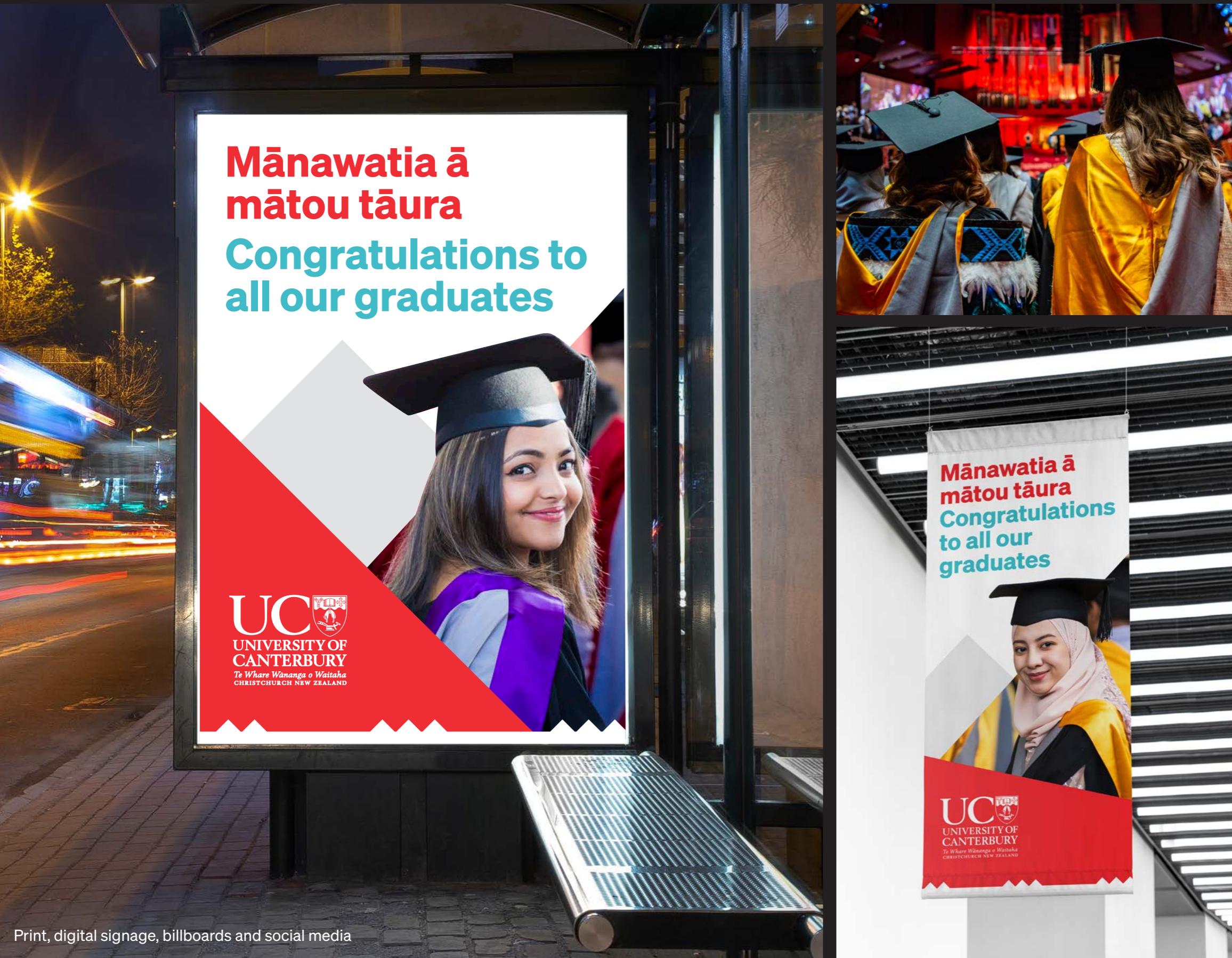


UC's brand merchandise guide is a comprehensive resource designed to help staff navigate the setup and use of merchandise while ensuring consistency in branding. This guide outlines the rules and regulations necessary for producing a cohesive look and feel across all branded materials.



Graduation Week

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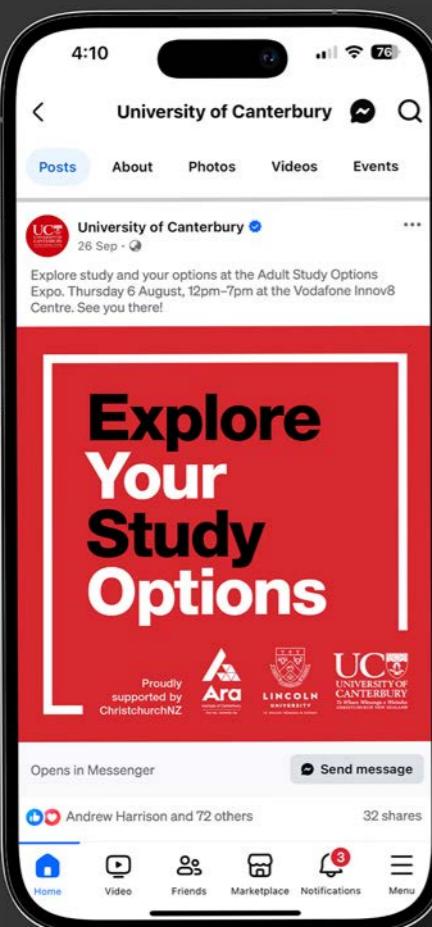


The incorporation of the Kōwhaiwhai (Māori motif) Maunga, representing the Southern Alps, adds a significant cultural dimension to the graduation collateral. The themes of journey, unity, integrity, and protection reflect the experiences and aspirations of graduates as they move forward. It creates a strong sense of connection to both heritage and personal growth.

Adult Study Options Expo

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By partnering with higher education institutions in Canterbury, the 'Explore Your Study Options (Explore Study/Your Options)' expo provided adult students with a wealth of options tailored to their future needs and created a valuable platform to discover and compare different pathways.



Social media tile



Study Law Campaign

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Study Law campaign effectively built on the UCMe 2021 campaign while tailoring its message specifically for law recruitment. Maintaining branding consistency was crucial for UC recognition, and focusing on the unique aspects of studying law helped attract the right candidates.



Digital signage

Annual Reports 10-24

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The annual reports highlight UC's positioning by simplifying complex data with easy-to-read layouts, iconography, and graphs. This enables stakeholders to understand insights, leading to a clearer comprehension of the university's performance and objectives.

Enrol Now Campaigns 19–25

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Print, digital signage, billboards and social media

The Enrol Now campaigns built on the foundations of the UCMe and Choice campaigns, specifically tailoring its message to convey that it's not too late to enrol. This strategic focus not only reinforced the brand identity but also resonated with prospective students, encouraging them to take action in their educational journey.



Social media — Meta Facebook carousel

MBA Info Evening

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Applying a solid red background and a concise headline effectively captured attention and boosted attendance at the MBA Info Evening sessions. This Kōwhaiwhai (Māori motif), used across business faculty materials, represents excellence, growth, pursuit of knowledge, ascent, and development, reinforcing the faculty's core values.



Adult Market Campaign

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Using simple, powerful headlines, a call to action, and a standout red color palette was a strong and effective strategy for reaching the adult student market. The message 'Start your academic journey today' is both direct and motivational, effectively inviting potential students to take action. This approach not only grabs attention but also emphasises the accessibility and immediacy of further education.

Pursue personal and professional growth

UC
UNIVERSITY OF
CANTERBURY
Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha
CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND

Find out more

Explore adult study options at UC

To transcend boundaries

"I envision myself playing a pivotal role in fostering innovation and best practices that benefit my team and organisation, the broader community, and the industry."

Sanjay
Master of Business Administration (MBA)



Start your academic journey today

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Social media, HTML and print advertising

For the commitment to excellence



Regina Morginstein, Jarrod Cook, Nick Lowther and James Stewart
University of Canterbury postgraduate students are among nine New Zealand university students to receive Todd Foundation university awards for excellence.

"Pursuing further education is a revolving door of opportunity. You can always return to your previous path, but if you never try, you'll forever wonder 'What if?'"

Nina
Master of Business Administration (MBA)



Start your academic journey today

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UCMe Brand Campaigns

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The UCMe campaign's ten-year evolution demonstrates a strong commitment to maintaining freshness and relevance, crucial for engaging a diverse student audience. Each year, the campaign's updated look and feel resonated with various demographics and trends, enhancing its appeal. This approach not only increased student enrolments but also significantly strengthened UC's financial position, showcasing the effectiveness of targeted engagement.



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Education

Wanganui School of Design (University of Waikato)
Bachelor of Computer Graphic Design (BCGD) with distinction for academic achievement.

Yoobee (Natcoll)
Diploma in Computer Graphic Design (dip.CGD)

Certificates and Courses

Yoobee

- Web Development Micro-credential Certificate — HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
- UX Design Micro-credential Certificate
- After Effects Essentials Certificate

University of Canterbury

- Empowerment through Delegation
- Coaching Conversations
- Communication Skills
- Fostering Innovation and Leading Change
- Challenging Client Situations
- First Aid (Comprehensive)

Software

- Apple macOS
- Adobe Creative Suite: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat Professional, After Effects, Express, Rush, Firefly (AI),
- Microsoft Office
- Visual Studio Code
- Google Web Designer
- Monday.com / Streamtime

Employment

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Waves Advertising/Crescendo
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PO Box 1029
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Q Brand Agency
(May 2006 – December 2007)
Intermediate Graphic Designer
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I am currently the Senior Graphic Designer at the University of Canterbury, where I lead a creative team of designers.

I have been working in the graphic design industry for over 20 years and graduated from Wanganui School of Design (University of Waikato) where I received a Bachelor of Computer Graphic Design Degree (BCGD) with distinction for academic achievement. I have also studied at Yoobee (Natcoll), where I received a Diploma in Computer Graphic Design (dip.CGD).

I have a wide range of skills using Adobe Creative Suite: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat Professional, After Effects, Express, Rush, Firefly (AI) as well as Microsoft Office, Visual Studio Code and Google Web Designer. I have also utilised project management software, including Monday.com and Streamtime.

Throughout my career, I have worked with several design firms, including Q Brand Agency, Waves Advertising/Crescendo, and MLT, and I have provided freelance services to various companies.

At the University of Canterbury, my responsibilities include creative design, typography, and layout for both print and digital media. I provide leadership and management, overseeing creative direction and branded projects. My role also involves scheduling, art direction (including photography), as well as client communication with both internal and external stakeholders. I am an effective problem solver and consistently meet strict deadlines while collaborating closely with Account Managers and other team members.

In support, Caroline Polson, TwoScoops Co-founder, Client Services and Managing Director (previously UC Client Services and Account Manager) is willing to act as a referee on my behalf.

For a more in-depth and personal look at my portfolio, please don't hesitate contacting me:

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